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GOVERNMENT MOVING SOUTH Separate Cease-Fire For Nanking Mooted CHIANG TO RETURN?

Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet decided this morning to move the Nationalist seat of Government from Nanking to Canton.

During a recess in the Cabinet meeting, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, told Reuter that all Government offices, including the Executive Yuan, would reopen in Canton on February 5.

Nanking's City Council, meanwhile, moved toward a separate cease-fire order today after the manner of Poiping. Councillors voted to send a delegation to the Communists if national negotiations bogged down.

President Li Tsung-jen, in accordance with his decision reported yesterday, will stay with some important high-ranking officials in Nanking to further the peace overtures.

Communist forces were reliably reported this morning to be still pushing slowly Southward towards the Yankee opposite threatened Nanking.

Retreating Government troops were reported blowing up bridges and destroying railway tracks North of their last outpost on the Northern bank of Pukow.

They are said to be avoiding clashes with the Communists and concentrating in the Nanking area, ready to defend the city in accordance with the Defense Ministry's spokesman's warning to the Communist issued last night.

Govt Resistance

This warning said that, should the Communists disregard the people's will for peace and continue their Southward drive, they would certainly meet strong Government resistance, and would be ruthlessly pounded.

The Government, the warning said had already expressed its desire for peace and had evacuated such strategic points as Penghu, Chashan and Yangchow since the Communists continued their Southward push.

The spokesman expressed the hope that the Communists, on their part, would halt any further Southern advance for early realization of peace. He described the defence of the Yangtze as impregnable and revealed that preparations have been going on for its defence for the past six months.

The Communist Party's reply to the Government's peace overtures not to talk peace until Pukow had been completely liberated is reported to have been officially communicated to the Government a day before it was broadcast.

The Communists' reply is believed to have convinced Nationalist officials that the Communists intended to take Nanking before talking peace. Observers thought it was probably this view which today caused the Cabinet to decide to evacuate to Canton.

Chiang To Return?

Unimpeachable sources stated that should Li Tsung-jen's efforts to negotiate a peaceful settlement on a national scale fail, it is certain that Chiang Kai-shek would resume leadership from headquarters in Canton.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet decided today to urge the Chinese Communist Party immediately to appoint delegates to peace negotiations and fix the place for discussions.

The decision followed a heated debate, in which Conservative Kuomintang Ministers urged the Prime Minister not to pursue

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone which covers Mongolia and the neighbouring seas is unchanged in intensity. A trough of low pressure extending from Manchuria to Iwolima is moving Eastwards.

Today's Forecast—Slight E and NE winds, Fair, rather cold.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 64.1 deg. Fahr.

Minimum: 55.8 deg. Fahr.

Sunshine: 0.7 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—

20 mm.—0.08 in.—as against an average of 2.7 mm. in Jan.

Readings:

10 a.m. 64.1 deg. Fahr.

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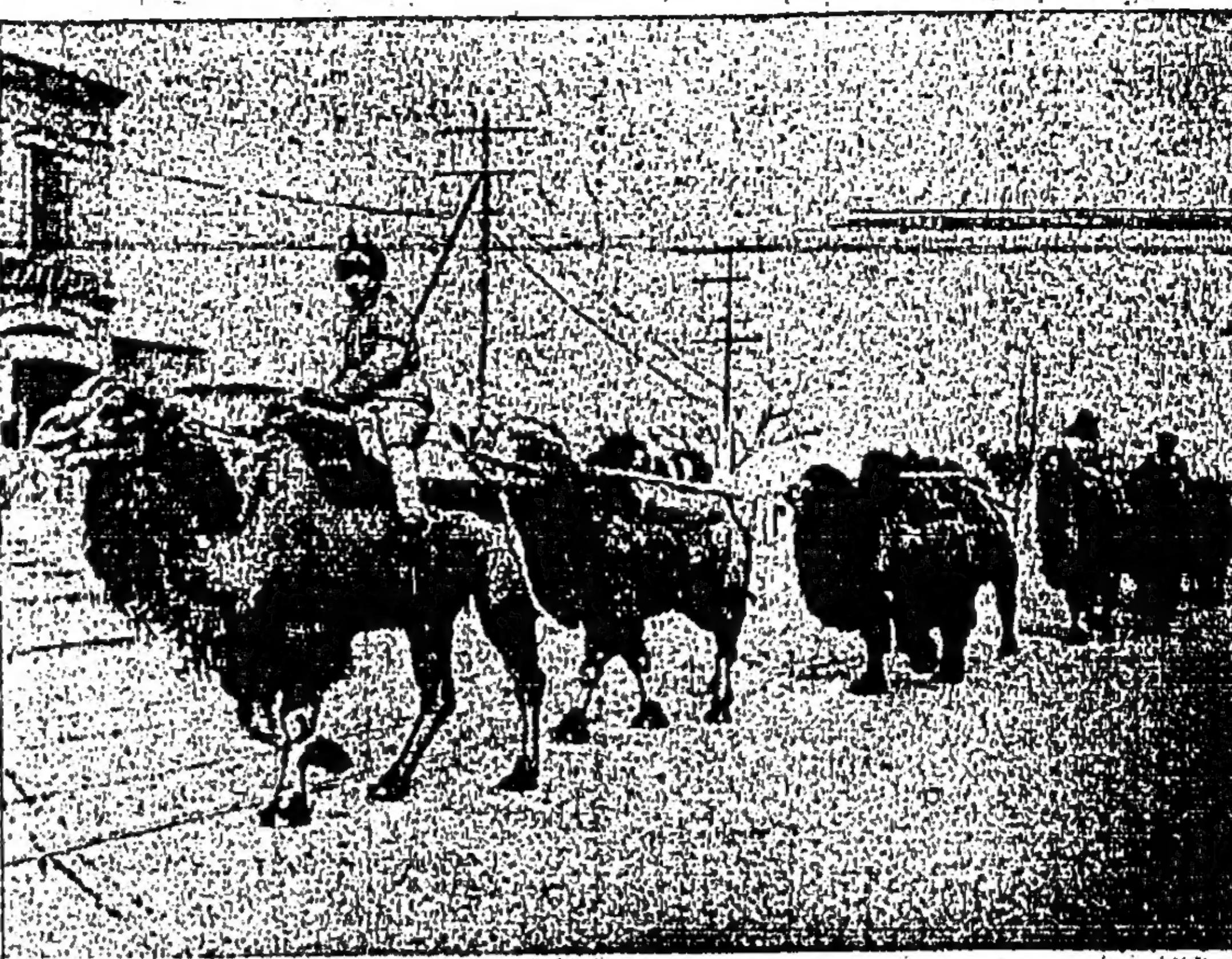
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Nationalist soldiers of General Fu Tso-yi on camel-back were a typical scene in Pukow before the surrender to the Communists. These soldiers are shown passing through Hatamen Street near the newly constructed airfield outside the former Legation Quarters.

—AP Photo.

Reds Doubt Govt Sincerity

North Shensi, January 26. The Nationalist Government is only pretending acceptance of the eight point Communist peace plan, the North Shensi Communist Radio said yesterday.

The meeting endorsed President Li Tsung-jen's promulgation of decrees introducing seven sweeping reforms in Nationalist China to improve the atmosphere of peace talks.

The Ministry of Communications was told to resume the postal service with Communist-held areas.

Behind this move, said the Red Radio, is the intention of the Kuomintang to make every effort to preserve the strength of the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek bloc, so that it may weather the current nation-wide revolutionary storms in safe tide.

The Nationalists hope to obtain a three month respite, in which to reorganise and activate dozens of divisions to continue the war, the Reds alleged.

Tonight, the delegates are expected to confer with Dr. Sun Fo about the final details of the Government's peace policy in anticipation of an early reply to the Cabinet's latest appeal today to the Communists to begin peace discussions.

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Optimism Over Greek Situation

Athen, January 25.

American observers consider that the Greek Government's military situation has not become more critical this winter despite the recent increase in destructive guerrilla raids on outlying and unprotected towns and villages.

They are worried about the effect of the raids on civilian and military morale, but they do not regard them as guerrilla leader General Markos would like as a reflection on the condition and fighting ability of the Greek forces.

Within a little more than a month the Communists have brought fire and sword to three important provincial centres—Karditsa, on the rich Thessaly plain, wool manufacturing Naousa, just South of the Yugoslav border, and tiny Karpenissi, high in the barren reaches of the Western Hindus mountains.

In these attacks General Markos has destroyed hundreds of homes, executed numbers of his enemies, increased by thousands Greece's terrible refugee total of 10 per cent of the population, brought unemployment to thousands, and increased the already considerable terror among Greeks living close to guerrilla mountain lairs.

Markos has not succeeded, in gaining any success in the clash with the Greek Army. In these three major raids and in smaller ones, it was Markos, not the Army, who ran whenever there was even a possibility of battle.

American observers who were once over optimistic are now shy about giving their views. But off-the-record, and anonymously, these military advisers say Markos may be able to get away with his winter raids because of the scattered deployment of his 20,000 men, which puts all mountain guerrilla concentrations just a few hours' forced march from comparatively vulnerable towns of the valleys and plains.

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Local Shippers Marking Time On N. China Traffic

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Local foreign shipping organisations are adopting a "wait and see" policy regarding resuming operations with Red-occupied Tientsin.

On the other hand, there have been persistent inquiries for cargo space for the Northern ports, including Tientsin and Chemulpo, and Shingishiu, both in North Korea. Some local traders, with established connections at the recently Red-captured Nationalist city, predict an early resumption of trade between Hong Kong and Tientsin.

Chinese New Year Holidays

This week-end, because of the Chinese New Year celebrations, there will be no issue of the "Sunday Mail" on Monday morning.

Saturday's issue of the "China Mail" will contain many of the special features associated with the "Sunday Herald," including the pictorial supplement. Make sure that you get your copy!

Appeal To Resume Trade

The Chinese Democratic League's newspaper, "Wen Wei Tao," has published an appeal to two of the Colony's prominent shipping firms to resume their trade routes to Tientsin in particular.

Jardine Matheson and Butterfield & Swire should give immediate consideration to the resumption of shipping services between Hong Kong and Tientsin.

The resumption of such operations is not only beneficial to the two prominent firms but also to Chinese and foreign traders here.

"Far-sighted authorities should urge the companies to make a trial run to Tientsin to re-open the route for the sake of the Colony's economy."

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The Board of Trade's chairman, Mr. Harold Wilson, said Japanese textile competition presented a difficult question for the British Government because the Japanese occupation costs are being borne by the United States. This involved a dollar question calling for maximum Japanese exports.

Meanwhile, Manchester textile trade quarters were pressing the Board of Trade to take action to prevent a repetition of Japan's pre-war cut-throat competition.

Trade quarters said they anticipated an overall exchange rate for yen would ultimately be fixed between 300 and 350 yen against the United States dollar—United Press.

Anglo-U.S. Mission To Japan

London, January 25.

An Anglo-American mission to Japan to discuss competition problems with Japanese textile manufacturers has been suggested by the Board of Trade, official quarters said today.

They said the Cotton Board's chairman, Sir Raymond Streets, would convey this suggestion to American trading partners.

The same "wait and see" policy is shared by Jardine Matheson, which reported being entirely cut off from Tientsin since its official said that with the recent Southward trek of personnel, properties and refugees from the war-threatened Northern cities, there is a considerable demand for cargo space. The Wusueh, however, will continue with her week-end "holiday" trips to Macao.

With the expansion of this Canton trade, it was learned, several Chinese shipping firms at the Canton end have received threatening letters from some societies demanding "protection" money.

In the meantime, B. and S. ships plying between North China and Hong Kong are calling at Inchon and Pusan, both in American-controlled South Korea.

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An official, however, stated that if conditions up North become normal "there is no reason why we should not resume our

Nordic Defence Talks A Failure?

Stockholm, January 25.

Swedish Parliamentary circles today considered that the Scandinavian defence talks in Copenhagen had failed, despite last night's communiqué, because the Swedes and Norwegians could not agree on the terms for an approach to the United States and Britain.

According to these sources, the Norwegians insisted that the Nordic countries should ask Britain and the United States for.

1.—The right to buy Anglo-American arms in peace-time.

2.—Anglo-American military aid if one of the three countries should be attacked.

3.—Collaboration between Scandinavia and the prospective North Atlantic Pact signatories without the establishment in Scandinavia of peace-time bases by those nations.

The Swedes, on the other hand, while emphasising their readiness to declare war on any country which attacked Norway or Denmark, said they would not ask the United States and Britain for guarantees linking the Nordic countries with any group of great powers.

For this reason they wanted to ask Britain and America only for the right to make peace-time weapons purchases from them.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvar Lange, said in a broadcast today that the talks were not intended to come to any definite decisions, but were meant to be purely for information.

In an interview with a Norwegian State broadcasting representative in Copenhagen, M. Lange said that an agreement was reached on these points, but there were considerable differences of opinion in the conditions for and the consequences of a possible Scandinavian defence union.

Ben-Gurion's Party Leads

Tel Aviv, January 26.

Israeli election officials announced today that the provisional Premier, David Ben-Gurion, moderately Socialist Mapai Party received 35 per cent of the vote in yesterday's elections with half of the returns counted.

Observers said the returns virtually assured the return of Mr. Ben-Gurion as premier of the new coalition Government.

The Mapai or Labour Party is favourable to the West powers.

The Mapai or Leftist United Workers' Party, which is pro-Russian, received 10 per cent of the votes counted.

The Mapai Party was in a neck-and-neck race for second place with the United Religious Group—coalition of three orthodox religious parties which received 14 per cent of the predicate counted.

The party of the former underground group, Agudat Israel, received nine per cent—United Press.



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Kowloon Branch	Sun. 30th Jan. 1949	— Usual Sun. hours
Windsor House Annex	Mon. 31st Jan. 1949	— 7.30 a.m.—9.30 a.m. only.
Peak Branch	Sat. 29th Jan. 1949	— 7.30 a.m.—9.30 a.m. only.
	Sun. 30th Jan. 1949	— 9 a.m.—11 a.m. only.
	Mon. 31st Jan. 1949	— As Sunday.

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ICE SALES.

East Point	Sat. 29th Jan. 1949	— Closed all day
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Defence Challenges Crown In Extradition Case

"I challenge Mr. Lonsdale to say that all the evidence adduced in this case he could indict any man."

"A 100 years ago the rule of a scintilla of evidence being sufficient was exploded and I will go so far as to say that the facts of this case are only consistent with Mr. Hsu's innocence."

So said Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, when he made his submissions before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday in the extradition case.

Mr. Potter said that his submission would be overlapping the ground, on the evidence of perjured witnesses, on the suppression of evidence and a twisting of facts that is deplorable and contemptible.

Hung Po-fat, witness for the prosecution, said that Hsu was no other than Powell and if Crown counsel had done the duty the witness should have been arrested immediately he left the witness box and charged with perjury.

Mr. Potter said that it was his serious hope and his serious invitation to Mr. Lonsdale, if he had been in court, to get on to his feet and to sincerely support his submission and to say that the Crown had really no case to answer and thus restore their faith in the administration of criminal justice in this colony.

He had three propositions to make:

"The first is that a judge can change his mind even after ruling that there was no cause to answer, could change his mind, even after the case had been put to the jury."

Facts Twisted

He added with all due respect, that the ruling the magistrate made was perhaps a blessing in disguise, because it had brought about that remarkable cross-examination where there was no suggestion as to the guilt of the fugitive on any of the three charges.

Not one of the crucial points in these charges had been touched upon by Mr. Lonsdale, he said, and it was possible that Mr. Lonsdale felt that as honourable gentleman, he should in the state of the prosecution, not put the crucial points to Hsu in cross examination.

He would like to believe that those were Mr. Lonsdale's honourable motives.

He submitted that he would not be merely defending Hsu but would be the accuser against the Nationalist Government of China in having produced perjured witnesses and twisted the true facts of the case.

Mr. Potter said that in the darkest days of the history of the colony, when it was under the heel of a ruthless enemy, Hsu, in June 1942, at the request of Mr. Gibson, took Government documents out of the colony for despatch to the British Government.

Had he been caught, said Mr. Potter, his fate could easily be surmised and he is now the man Crown Counsel is charging as a common thief.

No Proof

Continuing, he said that it is now suggested by the Nationalist Government of China that this

LAST TWO DAYS GILMANS MOTOR SHOW

At the time interval people must have been discussing how much of that HK\$5,700,000 went to Leo, how much to Potter and how much to Marcus.

He had several preliminary points to make, said Mr. Potter, in regard to the position of the Crown in extradition cases.

The Crown, he said, is merely the mouthpiece of the Chinese

Crown's Position

Again, he said, it this was a relevant point, why was not a Central Bank official called to prove the point.

He said he could tell because everyone knew and he will prove it out of their own mouths that the Central Bank had in fact given approval.

What a miserable way, said Mr. Potter, of proving their little miserable case and if this is the way the Nationalist Government of China conduct their affairs then, he said, "God help China."

Further hearing of submissions was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

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When Chan Yau-shun, aged 45, was charged before Mr. W. A. Bligh-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with possession of the sets without a license, Mr. D.B.S. Grew, Chief Inspector of the Telecommunications Department, asked for a very serious view to be taken of the case.

Mr. Grew said that he had checked up on defendant's story that the sets were left in his place by a friend, and found that these sets had not been entered in the telephone books.

The friend, said Mr. Grew, was a licensed dealer in radio. The authorities believe, but could not prove, that this man has been dealing in telecommunication sets and was in the habit of purchasing and selling such sets without troubling to enter such transactions in his books.

As to the present case, continued

Mr. Grew, he was quite convinced that defendant was connected with the licensed dealer and that the sets were sent to him premises for safe keeping. This verb, he believed, to be dismantled, later and re-constructed into telecommunication sets and sold to unlicensed stations.

Defendant pleaded that the sets were bought by his friend, at auction sale, and left in his premises. The friend, he said, replied to the court could always bring them away any time he wanted to do so. They had been there for about three weeks.

After defendant had been fined the maximum of \$3,000, Mr. Grew informed the court that, as the serial numbers had been taken off, he was not in a position to say whether the sets had actually been bought in an auction or stolen from the Royal Air Force.

The court ordered the sets to be confiscated to the General Post Office. It also ordered that 25 per cent of the fine, if paid, be given to the informer.

Judgment In Tenancy Case Reserved

Judgment was reserved at the tenancy dispute yesterday in connection with premises at No. 4 Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

The applicants, Humphreys Estate and Finance Company Limited, of second floor, Alexander Building, claim that 4 Minden Avenue was let on a monthly basis to Mrs. Tom Tali-ling on condition that no sub-letting of assignment of the premises would be made without the written consent of the applicants.

Applicants alleged that Mrs. Tom Tali-ling was no longer residing at the premises, but had transferred the tenancy. They claim that the lady in court was not Mrs. Tom Tali-ling at all, but a trespasser to whom Tom had transferred the premises.

The applicants therefore ask for an eviction order against the trespasser.

Yesterday, a witness subpoenaed by the Court, Teeng Tali-cho, who was alleged by opponents as having rented the premises to her and collected rent, on behalf of Humphreys Estate, gave evidence in support of Mrs. Tom Tali-ling. The witness, when asked if she had ever seen the female servant open the front door, replied, "Yes, I have." When asked if she had ever seen the male servant open the front door, she replied, "No, I have not." When asked if she had ever seen the male servant open the front door, she replied, "Yes, I have." When asked if she had ever seen the male servant open the front door, she replied, "Yes, I have."

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Police Arrest Alleged Robber In 24 Hours

Within 24 hours of the crime, Detective constable Yip Ching-tak of Shamshui-po, arrested one of the men alleged to have participated in an armed robbery at 24 Boundary Street on January 7.

The man, who was pointed out to the detective by one of the victims, was taken off a bus near the 18½ mile post, Castle Peak Road, and, when searched, was said to be in possession of some of the stolen property.

At the conclusion of the trial proceedings yesterday morning he found the revolver behind the meat-safe on the premises.

Detective constable Yip Ching-tak testified to going out with Ng Hung-fong to the New Territories on January 8, and to Ng pointing to accused who was on a bus near the 18½ mile post, as one of the three men who robbed the place the previous day.

When searched, accused was found to be in possession of a gold wrist watch, a gold ring and a fountain pen and pencil set. The watch was identified as that stolen from Ng Hung-fong, the pen and pencil set from Ng Hung-fong, and the ring from the mother.

HOLIDAYS

The Department of Imports and Exports will be closed on Saturday and Monday, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on both days.

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COLLISION

A collision between a tram car and a motor bus occurred outside Windsor House yesterday. The tramcar was badly damaged.

Both vehicles were entangled for some time and attracted a crowd of pedestrians. The tramcar and motor bus were travelling Eastwards when the accident occurred. None of the passengers was injured.

At 9 a.m. on January 7 he heard someone knocking at the door. When the door was opened by his wife, a man armed with a revolver and knife, had entered him into the front cabinet.

Outside the door of that cabinet, said witness, he saw accused keeping guard with a Mauser in his hand. In the room he saw his wife. So Zam, the servant, and the puppies were soon brought to the cabinet. They were later joined by his brother, Ng Hung-jong, who had his hands tied behind his back.

Demanded Money

The three men then asked him for the money. He told them that he had none and asked them to "Go and search." Two of the men left the room but returned soon after and threatened to kill him if he did not divulge the hiding-place of the money.

At that moment the street bell rung and accused went to open the door. He returned shortly after with Wong Mai, the 53-year-old mother of witness. They searched the old woman and took some money and gold rings from her.

The hijackers then tried to bind the hands of the inmates behind their backs, and gagged them, with the exception of witness's wife. Before leaving, the robbers said, "Keep quiet. Let us go." Witness and his relatives released themselves, and sent the female servant out to report to the police.

Ng Hung-fong, after corroborating his brother's evidence, said that on opening the front door after the robbers had left, he found the automatic pistol just

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HONG KONG.PROBATE
JURISDICTION.

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Lawrence Jack into of
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Volunteer Defence Corps,
deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 10th day of February,
1949.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 20th day of Janu-
ary, 1949.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors
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certificate, Passport,
Sworn Declaration).

No assurance is given that
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proximately 75 are expected.

The Entrance Examinations
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G. A. GOODBAN,
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January 24, 1949.

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WATER SUPPLY

The Public is hereby notified that a full supply of water
will be given on the Island and Mainland at Chinese New
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Thereafter, the restrictions
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V. KENNIFF,
Water Authority.
January 25, 1949.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of
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3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshui Po.
Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Lai Chi Kok Road.
SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Star Ferry and Austin Road.
2. Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
4. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Star Ferry and Austin Road.
2. Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
4. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Peace Avenue.
3. Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

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Via—Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Matuwai Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
2. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
3. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Lai Chi Kok (Shun-
shui), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
3. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sal Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES
1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
3. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
4. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

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"As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$6.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:-

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School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

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The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Tickets or School Children's Tickets to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January, 1

HORRORS OF HOME LIFE

London, January 25. Free nylon stockings, "New Look" uniforms and hotel-type accommodation are being offered as recruiting incentives to nurses by nine London hospitals at Bermondsey and Southwark.

Under the New Deal for nurses, each nurse will have her own room tastefully furnished in attractive shades, a bedside table lamp and concealed washbasin. There will be communal laundries and shampoo rooms fitted with electric hair-drying machines.

Nurses who have friends to visit them may take them to the guest room where television will be installed.

The hospital hope their New Deal arrangement will bring 300 extra nurses to their staffs.—Reuter.

Airlines May Fly Again

Shanghai, January 26. The Chinese airlines are seriously contemplating the resumption of services between Communist-held Peiping and Shanghai in response to a radio message from the people of Peiping, according to the China Press today quoting official quarters.

Inquiries at the airline offices elicited the information that the request for the restoration of the Peiping-Shanghai service was radioed here by civic representatives in the Northern city.

The message assured the airlines full protection and no interference by the Communist military headquarters in Peiping.

One airline is said to be planning a test flight to Peiping as soon as suitable radio communications are restored there.

Airline officials here indicated it appeared that the Communists would permit the use of the captured West field of Peiping for the resumption of the regular service.

This airfield was previously employed as a major airline base in North China.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.62 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band. H.K.T.

19.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

19.35 p.m.—"From the Films".

1.00 p.m.—Daily "Mayer" (Plane) and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel", Albert Band and the Palm Court Orchestra with Philip Hartley (Baritone) (BBC). (Studio).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Children's Story: 'The River Bandit'" by Elsieion Trevor (BBC). Episode 5: "Night Encounter".

6.15 p.m.—Interlude.

6.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"Theater Review" (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs", Presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Julia Lee (Soprano) and Richard Lin (Tenor), with Piano accompaniment by Betty Drown (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 21 (Oboe)" by Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano with the London Symphony Orchestra.

8.35 p.m.—Music from Argentina.

8.45 p.m.—Book Review by Catherine Scott-Moncrieff (Studio).

8.50 p.m.—"The Old Story of Simon Ode", A Mystery Serial by Letter from Hell, Episode 8: "Death at Pentecost" (BBC).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Real (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade", A Programme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

ASSAULT AGAINST BRITISH OFFICER

London, January 25.

Sir John Graham Kerr, Conservative, asked the War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in the House of Commons today if he was aware of outrages against Europeans in the Suez Canal Zone culminating in a young officer being stripped and left for dead.

He asserted that the enclosure of the wives and children of British troops within barbed-wire defences and caused indignation, and asked for a reinforcement of the European police.

Mr. Shinwell replied that he knew of the attack on the officer and of a few other isolated assaults.

The encircling of the wives and children within the perimeter of their camp, he said, was a security measure designed for their protection.

Even if more police were available, complete safety could not be guaranteed against attacks outside the camp.—Reuter.

Deep-Sea Research Off PI

Sydney, January 25.

A Danish Government scientific expedition will next year carry out deep-sea research at the Mindanao depths in the Philippines, where the ocean bed is 35,400-feet below sea level, the greatest depth ever charted.

Dr. Anton Brunn, Keeper of the Copenhagen University's Zoological Museum, announced this today when passing through Sydney on his way to a conference of New Zealand scientists, said that the expedition would also track the deepest parts of the Australian and New Zealand coasts.

He said that the Danish Government had already equipped the main expedition ship with special equipment, including a steel trawl with nine miles of steel cables attached.

It was hoped to get the steel

not down four miles and bring up unknown creatures which would open completely new fields for scientific research.

A similar expedition in 1938

found off the South African coast

a five-foot creature which scientists believed had been extinct for many thousands of years, Dr. Brunn said.—Reuter.

SHIP TRAFFIC TO NORTH CHINA

Shanghai, January 26.

The Shipping Guild reported it

is prepared to send representatives to Peking for negotiations with the Communists on resumption of shipping traffic between Shanghai

and Tientsin.

The action is believed undertaken to meet the challenge of foreign shipping firms, who recently were reported planning to reopen shipping connections to the North China port.

The local guild has called on the Communist leaders in North China, asking permission for their delegates to proceed to Peking and incorporating in their request an appeal for the preservation of exclusive Chinese navigation rights along the China coast.—Associated Press.

White House Blamed

Washington, January 26. U.S. Representative John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, yesterday blamed the White House and the State Department for what he described as the failure of American foreign policy in the Orient.

Mr. Kennedy, son of former Ambassador to Britain Joseph Kennedy, told the House of Representatives that continued insistence that aid would not be forthcoming to China unless a coalition government was formed with the Communists was a crippling blow to the National Government.

He added: "This House now must assume the responsibility of preventing the on-rushing tide of Communism from engulfing all of Asia."—Associated Press.

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Libel Case Over "I Chose Freedom"

Paris, January 25. Today's hearing of the libel case brought by the Russian author of "I Chose Freedom," Mr. Victor Kravchenko, centred upon a verbal deal between the author and M. Fernand Grenier, member of the French Communist Party, a witness for the defence.

M. Grenier read out long passages from the book dealing with talks with his father and grandfather.

"Kravchenko was not nine years old when he had this long and involved economic argument on Marxist thoughts," he said.

Kravchenko retorted: "Of course, I don't remember everything my father and grandfather said."

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PAL Flight To Tokyo

Manila, January 26. Philippine Air Lines DC-6 took off at 8.30 this morning from Manila International Airport on the inaugural flight to Tokyo.

Aboard the plane were 85 high government officials, business executives and newspapermen.

After the inaugural flight, PAL will conduct weekly trips between Manila and Tokyo, stopping at Okinawa.

Passengers in the inaugural flight to Tokyo include the roving Ambassador, Mr. Manuel Gallego; the Consul General in Australia, Mr. Manuel Alzate; the Customs Commissioner, Mr. Alfredo de Leon; the Immigration Commissioner, Mr. Engracio Fabre; Colonel Andres Soriano, PAL President; Commander Charles Parsons, of the Luzon Stevedoring Company, and Mr. Gil Puyat, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.—United Press.

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Supporting these divisions was an airborne attack by the American 17th Airborne Division and the British 6th Airborne Division. Normal use of airborne forces was to send them into battle prior to the beginning of ground attack so as to achieve maximum surprise and create confusion among defending forces before the beginning of the ground assault. In this instance Montgomery planned to reverse the usual sequence. He decided to make the river crossing under cover of darkness, to be followed the next morning by the airborne attack. It was also normal to drop airborne forces at a considerable distance in rear of the enemy's front lines, where their landing would presumably meet little immediate opposition and so allow them time to organise themselves to overrun headquarters, block movement of reserves, and create general havoc. But in this operation the two divisions were to drop close to the front lines, merely far enough back so that they would not be within the zone of our own artillery fire. From those positions they were to wreck the enemy's artillery organisation and participate directly in the tactical battle. Elaborate arrangements were made for the use of smoke to provide artificial concealment for the river crossing and a great array of guns was assembled to support it.

The Rhine was a formidable obstacle, particularly so in its Northern stretches. It was not only wide, but treacherous and the speed of its currents were subject to variation because the enemy could open dams along the great river's Eastern tributaries. Special reconnaissance and warning detachments were set up to guard against this threat. Because of the nature of the obstacle the crossing resembled an assault against a beach, except that the troops, instead of attacking from ship to shore, were carried into the battle from shore to shore.

Our preparations for the crossing North of the Ruhr had been so deliberately and thoroughly made that the enemy knew what was coming. We anticipated strong resistance, since we would achieve surprise only by the timing and strength of the assault. In particular we thought that the enemy would have a great number of guns trained on the river and the Eastern banks and would attempt to stop our troops at the water's edge with gunfire.

This kind of resistance, however, was not encountered. The two American divisions making the assault on the Ninth Army front, the 40th and the 79th, suffered a total of only thirty-one casualties during the actual crossing. The divisions were under the command of General Anderson of the XVI Corps.

Throughout the remainder of the night we received a series of encouraging reports. Everywhere the landings appeared completely successful. We were encouraged to believe that we could very quickly achieve such an Eastward advance that the communications leading into the Ruhr would be cut.

With the arrival of daylight I went to a convenient hill from which to witness the arrival of the airborne units, which were timed to begin their drop at ten o'clock. The airborne troops were carried to the assault in a total of 1,572 planes and 1,328 gliders; 889 fighter planes escorted them during the flight, and 2,153 other fighters provided cover over the target area and established a defensive screen to the Eastward.

Fog and the smoke of the battlefield prevented a complete view of the airborne operation but I was able to see some of the action. A number of our planes were hit by anti-aircraft fire, generally however, only after they had dropped their loads of paratroopers. As they swung away from the battle area they seemed to come over a spot where anti-aircraft fire was particularly accurate. Those that were struck fell inside our own lines, and in nearly every case the crews succeeded in saving themselves by taking to their parachutes. Even so, our loss in planes was far lighter than we had calculated. Operation Varsity, the name given to the airborne phase of this attack, was the most successful airborne operation we carried out during the war.

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THE SQUATTER COLONIES

A series of disastrous fires in hut settlements in different parts of the Colony are sufficiently fresh in the public mind to earn for the Government ready endorsement of its programme for eliminating squatter colonies in congested areas. Not all of those now living under the generally wretched and unhealthy conditions to be found in these settlements will be accommodated under the scheme. The main purpose of the four camps proposed is to provide temporary dwelling sites for persons who are or are likely to prove worthy citizens of the Colony and can be depended upon to subsist upon their own resources. The Government's contribution to their welfare will, in fact, be limited, very largely, to the provision of land upon which they can build without fear of eviction, and the cost of maintaining a Sanitary Department foreman and social welfare worker in each camp. As the official statement indicates, there is no intention of embarking upon projects which could and would involve a heavy charge upon the community for the benefit of persons whose chief claim to attention reposes in the menace they offer to the health of other residents in their immediate vicinity. All that is planned arises from the Government's acceptance of the position that a genuine housing emergency exists and that ruthless destruction of squatter settlements without provision for the transition to more normal conditions would create far more problems than it could cure. At the same time, there will be a screening of hut-dwellers whose shacks are to be condemned which should purge the Colony of numerous undesirable engaged in criminal activities, scores of opium dens and brothels. With the added condition that Social Welfare officers will do what they can to assist in cases of genuine destitution, the clearance scheme will, we feel, surely be warmly approved as intelligently and sympathetically designed to achieve satisfactory results. Few of the squatters will take kindly to the decision which means their uprooting, but the Government could hardly be expected to do more than it is doing to assuage the pain.

Lynskay Findings

The Lynskay Tribunal findings follow very much a pattern which was easily predictable on a close reading of the evidence. Only Mr. John Belcher and Mr. George Gibson, on the official side, come unhappily out of the inquiry, and although in these two cases there was conduct inexcusable in persons entrusted with heavy responsibilities, the belief that the sordid story would reveal extensive corruption in the Board of Trade has been completely disposed of. Those who expected to find a cannon-cracker with which to blast the Labour Government out of office have been presented with nothing more potentially lethal than a damp squib. The reputation of the Civil Service remains virtually unimpaired by the Tribunal's verdict. In fact, no great damage has been done. Nonetheless, however, suggest from the mildness of the final indictment that the inquiry was wasteful. Such were the rumours that pre-

We had, by this time, a logistic and administrative organisation capable of handling such numbers of prisoners and these captives interfered only temporarily with troop movements and offensives. We had come a long way from the time in Tunisia when the sudden capture of 275,000 Axis prisoners caused me rather ruefully to remark to my operations officers, Rooks and Novins, "Why didn't some staff college ever tell us what to do with a quarter of a million prisoners so located at the end of a rickety railroad that it's impossible to move them and where guarding and feeding them are so difficult?"

By March 24 there was in the Remagen bridgehead an American army of three full corps, plus reinforcements to strike in any direction. Farther to the South the Third Army had made good a crossing of the Rhine and there was now in that region no hostile strength to prevent our establishing further bridgeheads almost at will.

Just to the North of the Remagen bridgehead ran the Sieg River, which flanked the Ruhr region on the South. So vital was the safety of the Ruhr to the German warming capacity that the enemy, hastily assembled along the Sieg, all the remaining forces that he could spare from other threatened areas in the West, because the German assumed that we would strike directly against the Ruhr from Remagen.

In this situation Hitler resorted to his old practice of changing senior commanders. Von Rundstedt was relieved from com-

mand, destined to take no further part in the war. Von Rundstedt, whom we always considered the ablest of the German generals, had been in command in the West when the Indians were made June 6. Unable to drive the Allies back into the Middle East, a large proportion of these troops landed at Marseilles and cut across the entire network of Allied communications to reach their position on the Northern flank. The difficult move was handled smoothly and skillfully by the staff. No interference with front-line supply and maintenance occurred. Thus Wallen Brüder and Dovers, further South were silencing the blows that freed the West bank of the Rhine. Montgomery, in the North, could count on early reinforcement as he completed his preparations for felling a crossing of the river.

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HIROHITO'S ANNIVERSARY

Tokyo, January 25.
Japan's first couple were celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary today.

Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako were married here 25 years ago today, over the opposition of some high-ranking Court officials who favoured the daughter of another clan.

One official of that time spread a rumour that Nagako was colour blind, the inference being that any Imperial children might be similarly afflicted.

The Imperial couple will observe today's anniversary quietly. The top main features of the day will be luncheon and dinner with their six children and the Empress Dowager.

The pair will be hosts at an afternoon tea party for incumbent and former Court officials.

The Imperial household says Hirohito and Nagako will decline any private or public gifts or tributes commemorating the anniversary.—Associated Press.

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Smuts Proposes No-Confidence Vote

Capetown, January 25.
General Smuts moved a vote of no confidence in the South African Government in the Assembly today, declaring that South Africa was faced with a grave economic position besides a racial situation of extreme gravity.

"I am afraid that the significance of what happened in Durban (he was referring to the recent Durban riots) is not to be realized," he said.

"That was a unique phenomenon. It is a situation pointing to forces on the move in South Africa and to signs of conflict and friction amongst the various sections of the population. If that is the trend of affairs one asks, what is going to happen to our multiracial population?"

General Smuts announced on January 21 that he would move a motion today asking the House to disapprove the policy of the Government to segregate and

alter the existing parliamentary rights of the native and coloured peoples without a direct and unmistakable mandate from the people of the Union and by a two-thirds parliamentary majority, as is provided by the entrenched clauses of the constitution, and expressing its want of confidence in the Government."

General Smuts thanked Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan for his "very full and explicit statement on the unhappy occurrences in Durban."

He said: "My only regret is that there has not been an opportunity for making a statement because no doubt a great deal of the trouble the Prime Minister has referred to has been due to the absence of any authoritative statement on what has happened."

Replying to an intervention by Mr. C. R. Swart, the Minister for Justice, who said: "We made a statement in Durban and gave figures," General Smuts said: "Yes, up to a point, but not giving the whole picture as the Prime Minister has done."

"Although these events are very big and dangerous, I hope the country will be reassured that the storm is probably passed."

General Smuts criticized the Government's intention of abolishing the native representation in the Assembly and removing coloured voters from the voters' poll.

He said the argument was that Parliament polls, under sovereign legislative powers, repeat the South Africa Act without a two-thirds majority.

The South Africa Act was not a British act, but the most solemn one South Africa had ever passed, and it was surrounded by sentiment and feeling, he said. It was a matter of good faith and South Africa's honour and should be prized as the work of South African statesmen.

The debate on the no-confidence motion is expected to last four days.—Reuter.



U.S. GOVT EXPENSES

Washington, January 26.
President Harry Truman asked the US Congress yesterday for US\$430,762,000 to pay government expenses not anticipated in the appropriations made for the current fiscal year.

Among the largest items he listed was US\$85,000,000 for National Service Life Insurance for veterans—mainly to meet unanticipated claims originating in the Philippines.

Associated Press.

Should the talks be resumed, observers believe, the atmosphere would be more promising than before because each side would know more exactly the other's attitude.

Dr. Bunche was faced with the problem of co-ordinating his task at Rhodes with the United Nations Conciliation Commission, now beginning work in Jerusalem, and whose sphere is likely to overlap the acting Mediator's.

No Hurry

Israel was believed to be in no hurry to conclude the conference until after today's Israeli elections, as these might affect both foreign policy and the armistice talks.

In Israel today, early voters went to the polls in brilliant sunshine for the young State's first general election to select 120 members of the National Assembly from 1,281 candidates.

Several polling booths opened their doors early in the morning with long queues already outside. Favourable weather combined with a national holiday were expected to improve the chances of the Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion, Labour Party, the MAPAI, retaining control of the Government.

Mr. Ben Gurion was one of the first voters at a Tel Aviv polling booth. His party was expected today to gain from 30 to 35 per cent of the total vote.

The strong anti-British campaign of the Stern and Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorist movements appeared to have produced a big turnout in the poorer districts, their traditional headquarters.

Their extreme right-wing propaganda, aimed at showing the present Government as the agent of Britain, seemed to be bearing results.

Religious parties, who are particularly strong in Jerusalem,

the official announcement that Britain has decided to grant de facto recognition to Israel will be made by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in the House of Commons' Palestine debate tomorrow, it was learned on good authority here today.

Mr. Bevin will, it is expected, announce that actual recognition will take place after consultation with Australia, New Zealand and the Benelux countries have been completed.

Actual recognition on a de facto basis is now forecast for Thursday or Friday.

Britain and the United States are also expected to announce the pursuit of a common policy in the Middle East.

Mr. Bevin will, it is believed, tell the House of Commons that

an identity of views has been reached between London and Washington on the situation in Palestine following the recent talks between the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

A similar statement may also be made from Washington.

These steps would, it was hoped in diplomatic quarters here, straighten out the recent tension between Britain and the United States over Palestine.

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Appeal To Empire

St. Johns, Newfoundland, January 25.

Counsel for former members of the Newfoundland Legislature, who are taking legal proceedings in an attempt to prevent confederation with Canada, is taking their appeal to the Privy Council in London—the supreme Appeal Court in the Empire.

This step follows the Newfoundland Supreme Court's rejection last Saturday of an appeal from a dismissal of the case by Justice Dunfield.

The members had taken out a writ against the Commission of the Government seeking an injunction to prevent the Commission from taking further steps towards confederation. The writ also contended that the Government had no right to pass the Acts which led up to the signing of an agreement for union with Canada.

Another outstanding action to prevent confederation is the "Liberation Bill" of Sir Alan Herbert, British Member of Parliament, which has been prepared for submission to Parliament.

He claims that the majority in last July's referendum on confederation with Canada was too slender and that confederation was not in the best economic interests of Britain and Newfoundland.—Reuter.

LONDON MUSEUM GETS THE BIRD

London, January 25.

Mr. H. Cecil Smith, of Llansolo, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, has given his collection of 4,001 specimens of Burmese birds to London's Natural History Museum; the Evening News reported today.

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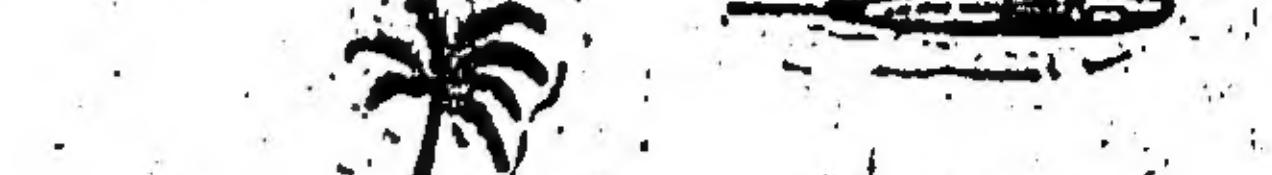
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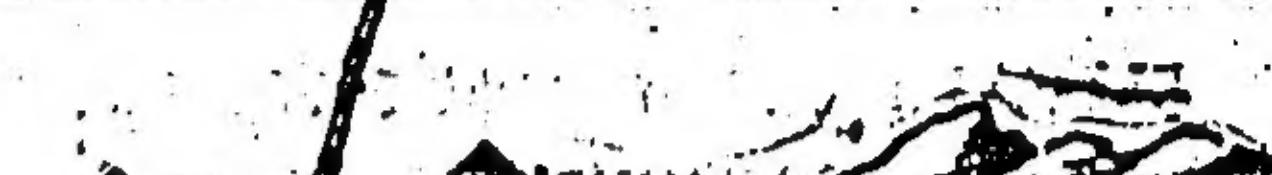




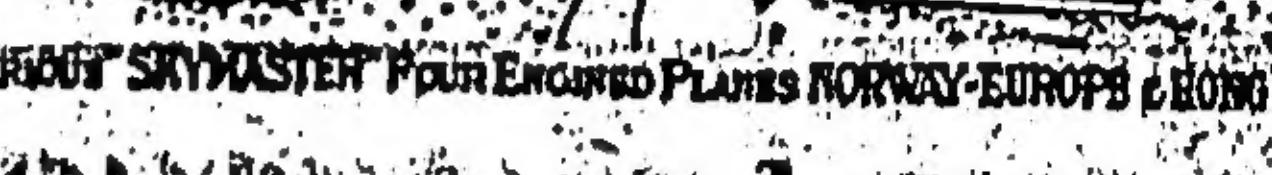






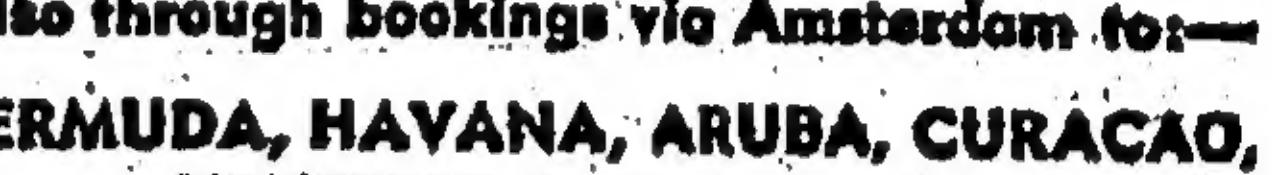














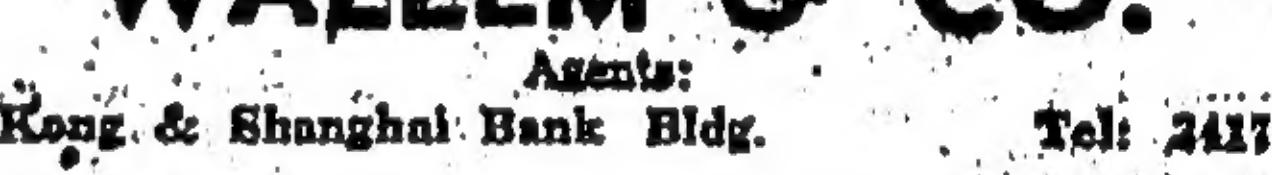


















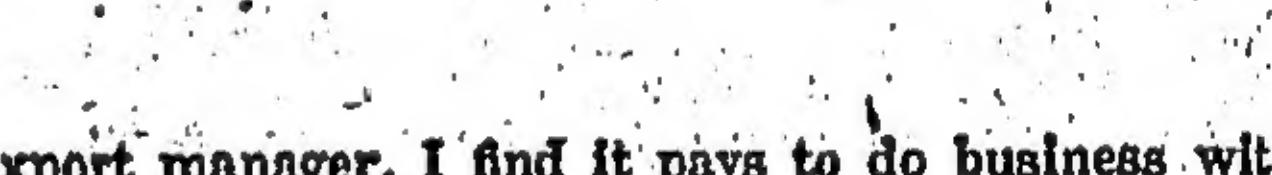


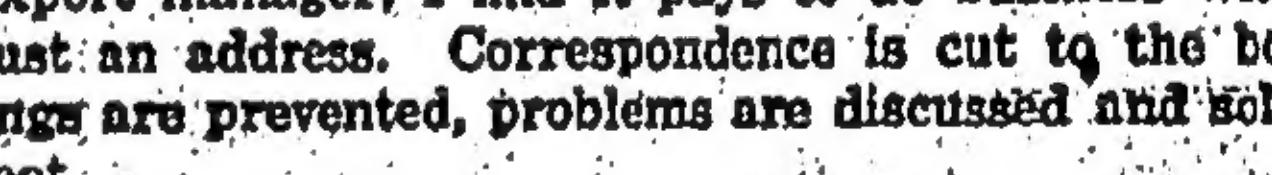


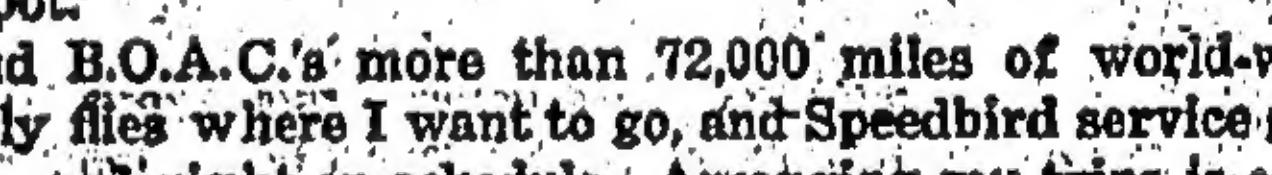


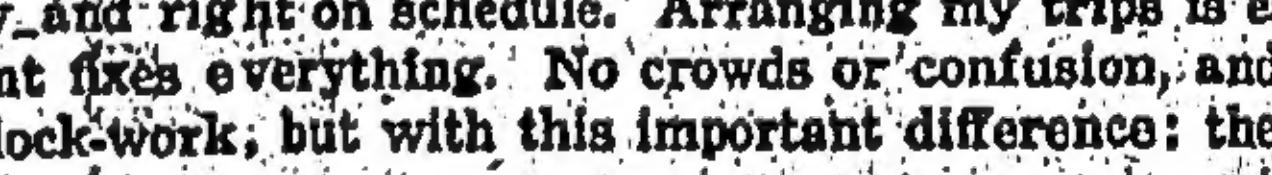


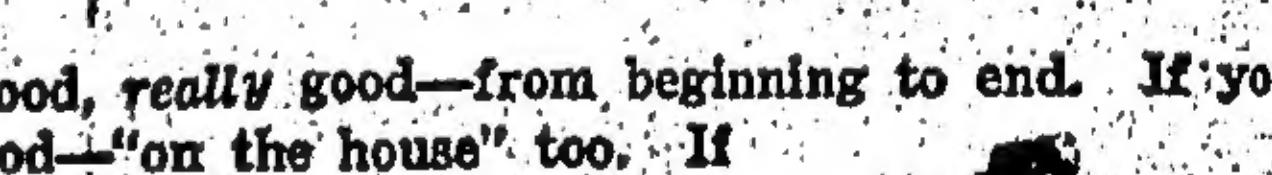


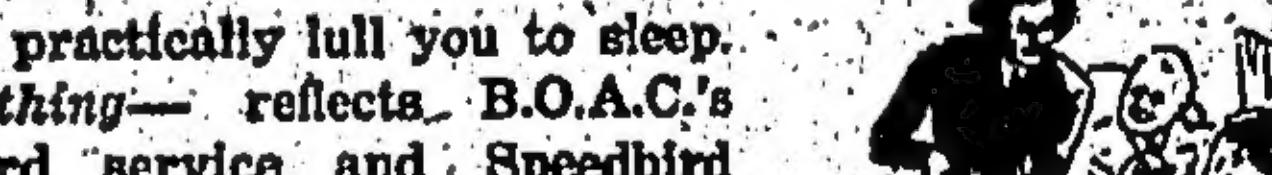














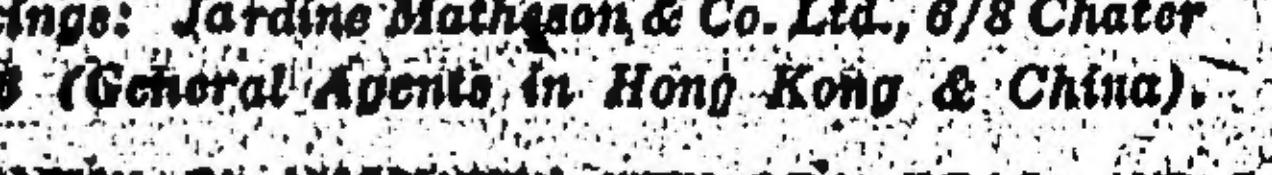




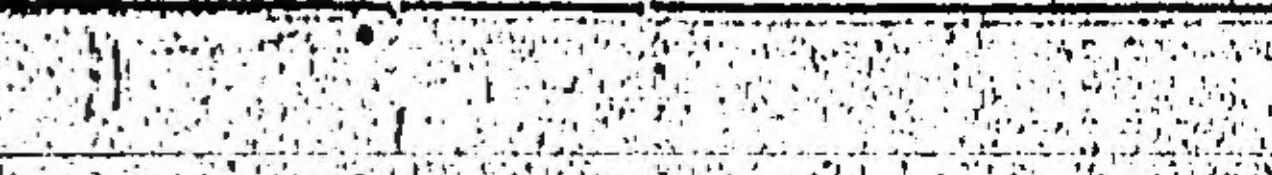






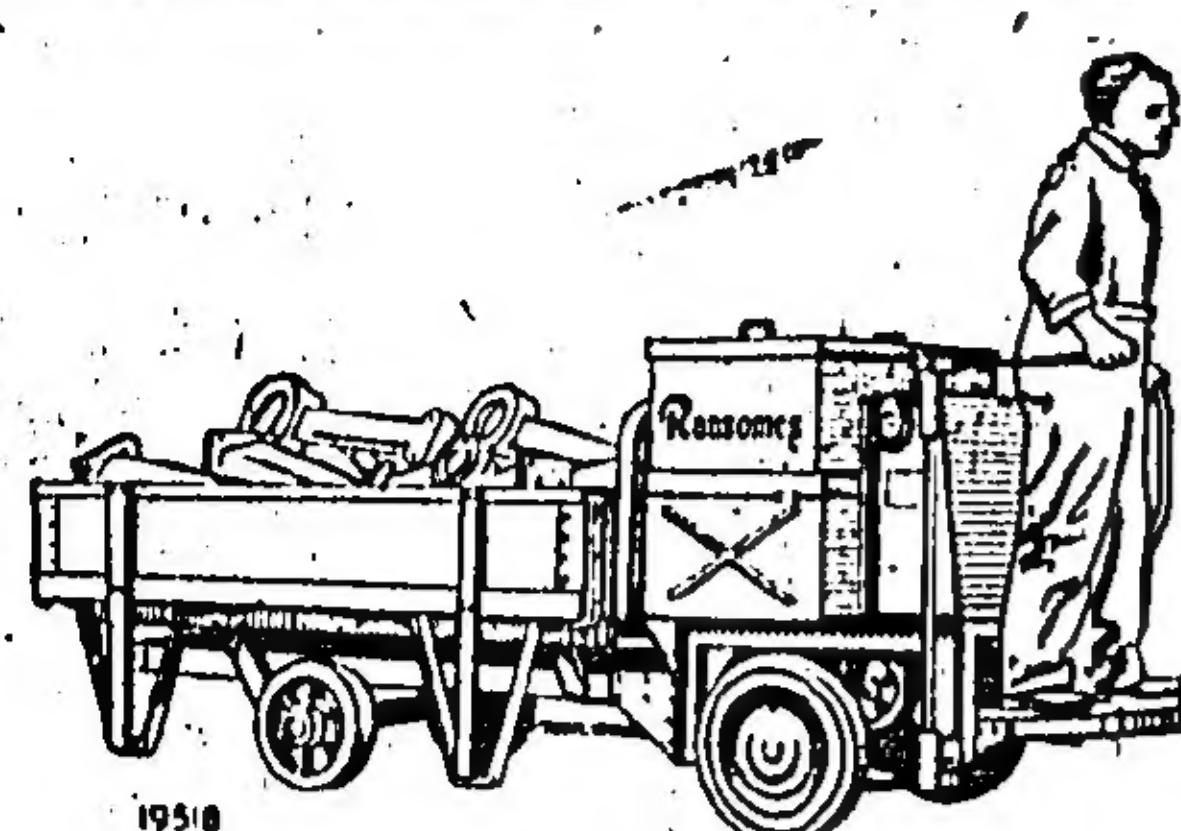






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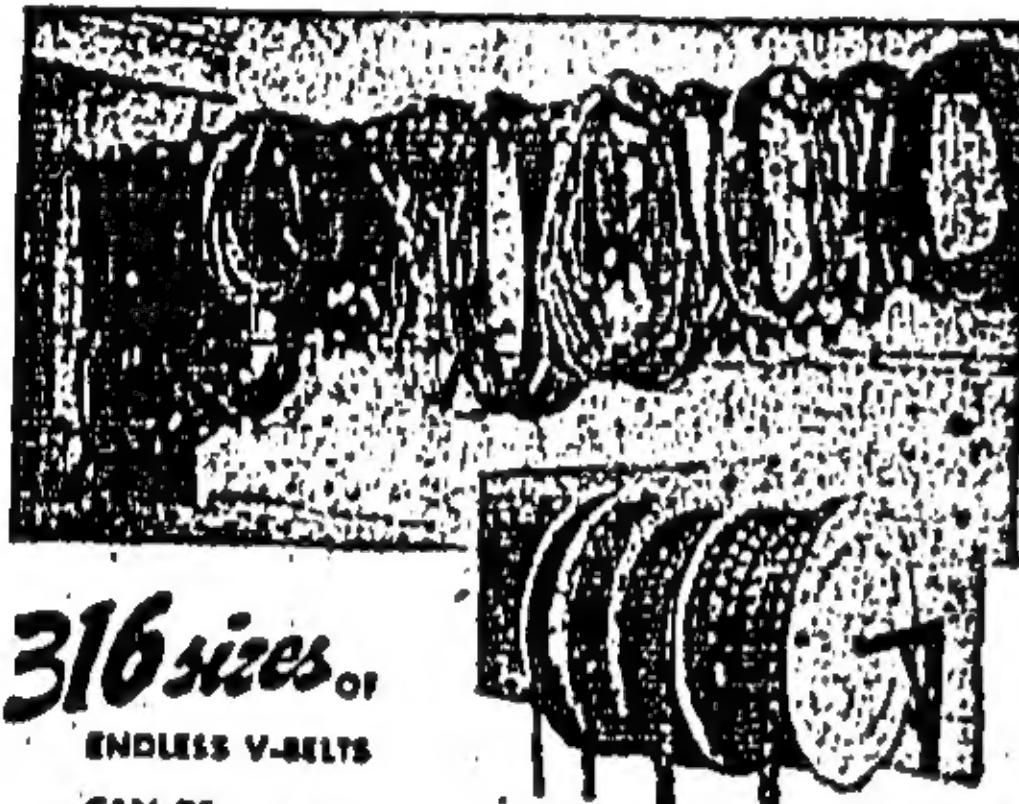
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BRITISH MACHINE TOOLS

How Britain is excelling in the postwar production of highly complex machine tools was amply demonstrated recently when members of the Siamese Purchasing Mission visited the works of the two Manchester firms of H. W. Kearns & Co., and George Richards & Co.

At the H. W. Kearns works the visitors saw the demonstration of a light-weight horizontal boring machine of a type which cannot be procured from any other part of the world. It is big enough to do any job of machining, boring, milling or drilling likely to be needed in automobile repair shops and all small components in railway workshops. It is also small enough and light enough to be shipped in a single packing case ready for erection on the floor of the workshop where it is to be used. It needs only connection with the electric mains supply to go straight to work.

This light-weight machine has brought orders to Britain from all parts of the world including the United States. It weighs less than a ton and a half but will drill a hole an inch in diameter into cast iron at a rate of half an inch per minute.

Push Buttons

Members of the Mission saw the simplicity of its operation. The machine is started and stopped by push buttons. The total range of the spindle is controlled by the rotary switch and one lever. Push buttons start and stop table feeds for longitudinal and transverse motions. Changes of speed are obtained by one lever.

Among the countries which have already bought small type boring machines is Colombia but the same factory has had a long connection with the Far East. Orders are now in hand for Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya and Ceylon in addition to several machines for Indian Railways. Last year customers included China and most of the countries of Latin America.

At the works of George Richards & Co., members of the Mission were shown the first example of electronic control of a machine tool for shaping and finishing railway wheels. They saw it skinning the surface of a railway wheel of hard steel at the rate of 240 feet per minute.

The machine is a prototype. Production on a full scale has not yet begun but already some of the leading British manufacturers of railway wheels are eager to install it in order to speed up still further British production for the railways of this country and the rest of the world.

The Managing Director said that one of the minor problems his experts are trying to solve before they go into full production is that of the waste steel which flies from the cutting tool too fast to be easily disposed of. The advantage of the machine is that it cuts time for machining a wheel to about half the time required by older machines. This great increase is obtained by adaption of the knowledge of electronics gained by British industry during the war to peacetime uses.



Sergeant-Major James Lambert, M.M., explains a model of a construction bridge to Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, and Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The exhibition is part of a recruiting campaign to increase the nation's auxiliary services.

WIND-TUNNEL BUILT TO TEST MODEL BRIDGE

Inside a specially-designed wind-tunnel at Thurlow, Bedfordshire, England, Mr. Alfred Barnes, Britain's Minister of Transport, recently saw demonstrations of the effect of wind forces on a 52 ft. model bridge.

In the first demonstration, a form of bridge dock similar to that of the ill-fated Tacoma Narrows which culminated in the State of Washington, USA, was used, and the alarming vibrations which culminated in the destruction of that bridge in 1940 were reproduced in the model.

Then the form of dock construction was changed, and the improvement in the behaviour of the model compared with that of the first type, was immediately apparent. The experiments now being started will determine the final design of the proposed bridge, over the River Severn, which will be the largest suspension bridge in Europe and the third largest in the world.

When the wind blows against a suspension bridge, vibrations may be set up in the platform, which will be communicated to the cables and in turn to the towers. These vibrations can increase in size to a point where the bridge fails completely unless proper precautions are taken in design.

Aerodynamics

Early in 1946, Britain's Ministry of Transport asked the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to undertake an investigation into the aerodynamic behaviour of suspension bridges with particular reference to the design of the proposed Severn Bridge. The work was undertaken in the Aerodynamic Division of the National Physics Laboratory of the D.S.I.R. and since then experiments have been going on at the laboratory at Teddington, near London. Much time has been spent in investigating the behaviour of models of short lengths of deck platform. From these, it has been possible to reject certain types of construction, because they proved to be unsafe even in normal wind conditions of frequent occurrence.

Gradually the form of construction most likely to be safe was determined; the next step was to build a complete model bridge, so that the results of the section trials could be finally checked. A special wind tunnel had to be built for the full model tests, for no tunnel big enough to take the model existed in the United Kingdom. A model of the tunnel itself had to be made and tested to determine the precise shape and details of construction; this having been found, construction of the tunnel itself started in the autumn of 1946, and the work was completed in the summer of 1947. Since then careful observations have had to be made of the air flow in the tunnel, and at the same time construction of the bridge model has been under way.

Test At 140 MPH

The maximum wind speed which can be attained in the tunnel is about 14 m.p.h. but the effect of this on the model is equivalent to the effect of a wind of about 140 m.p.h. on the full-size bridge. This is a high wind speed—much more than has been recorded in Britain—but it is important to investigate safety at "moderate" as well as "high" speeds, for the Tacoma Bridge failed in a wind of only 40 m.p.h.

A second model will have to be built, due course, which will approximate much more closely the final design of the Severn Bridge; this will incorporate certain changes of detail

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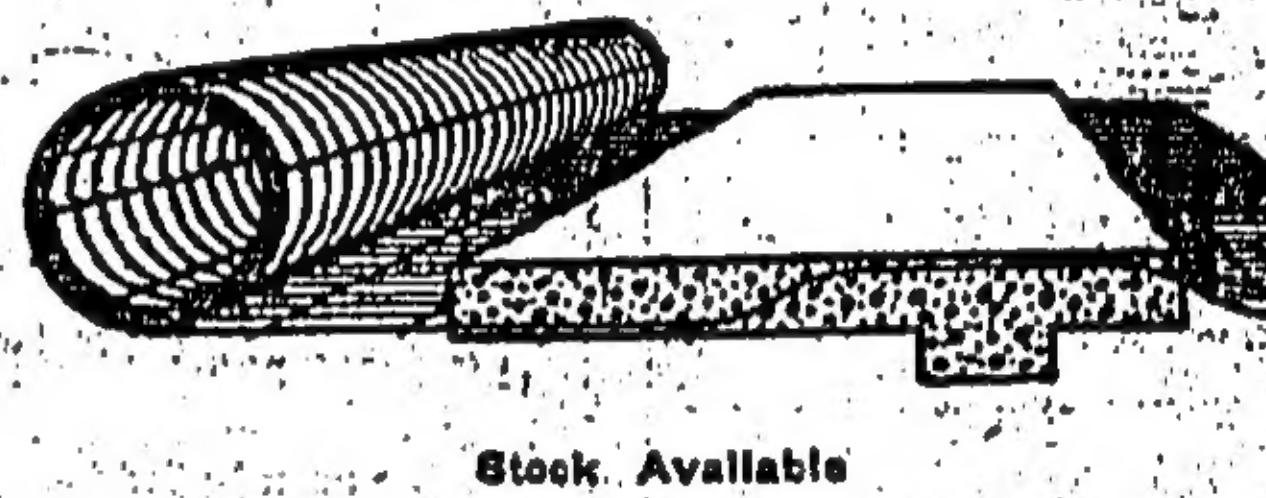
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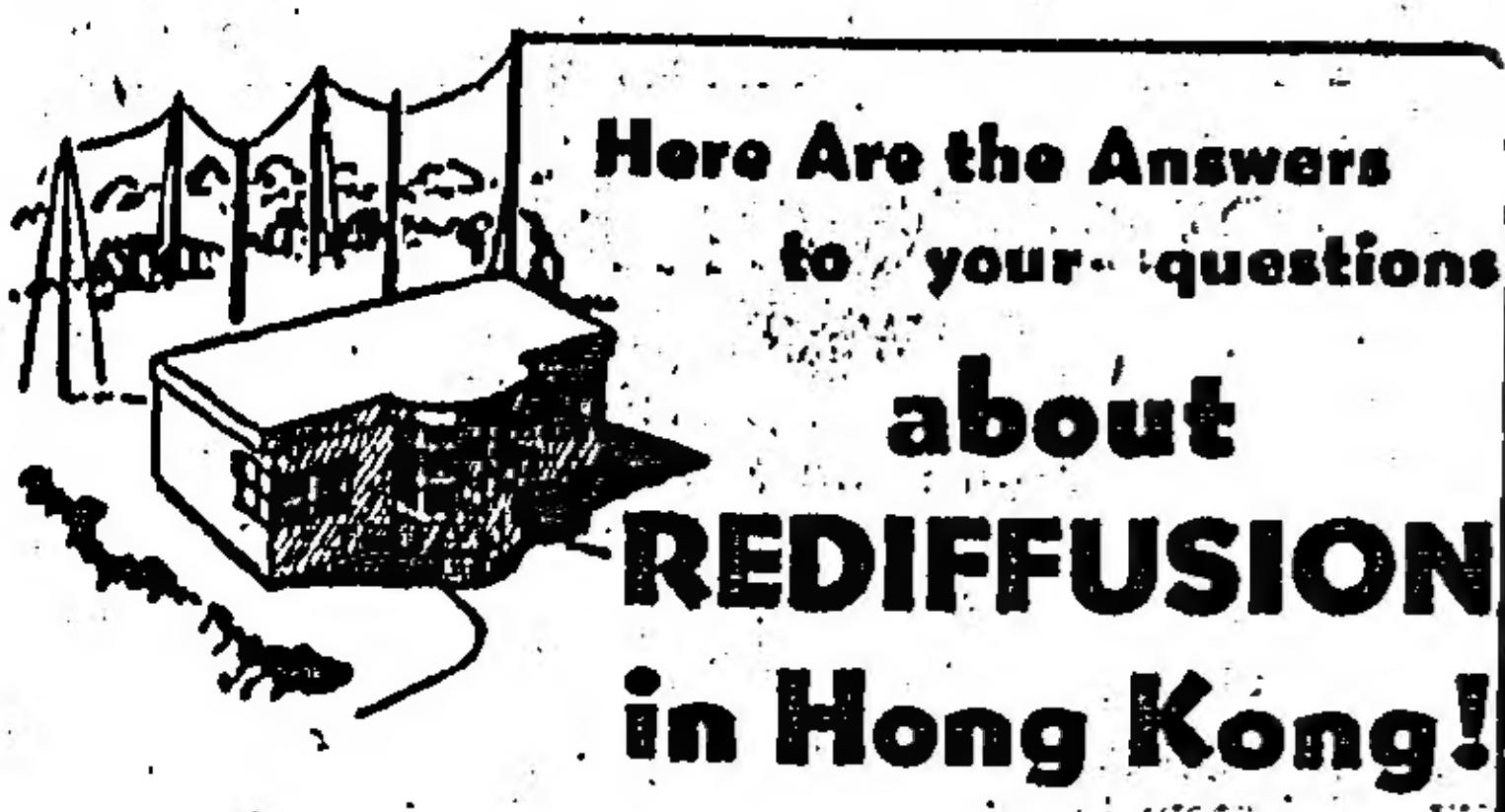
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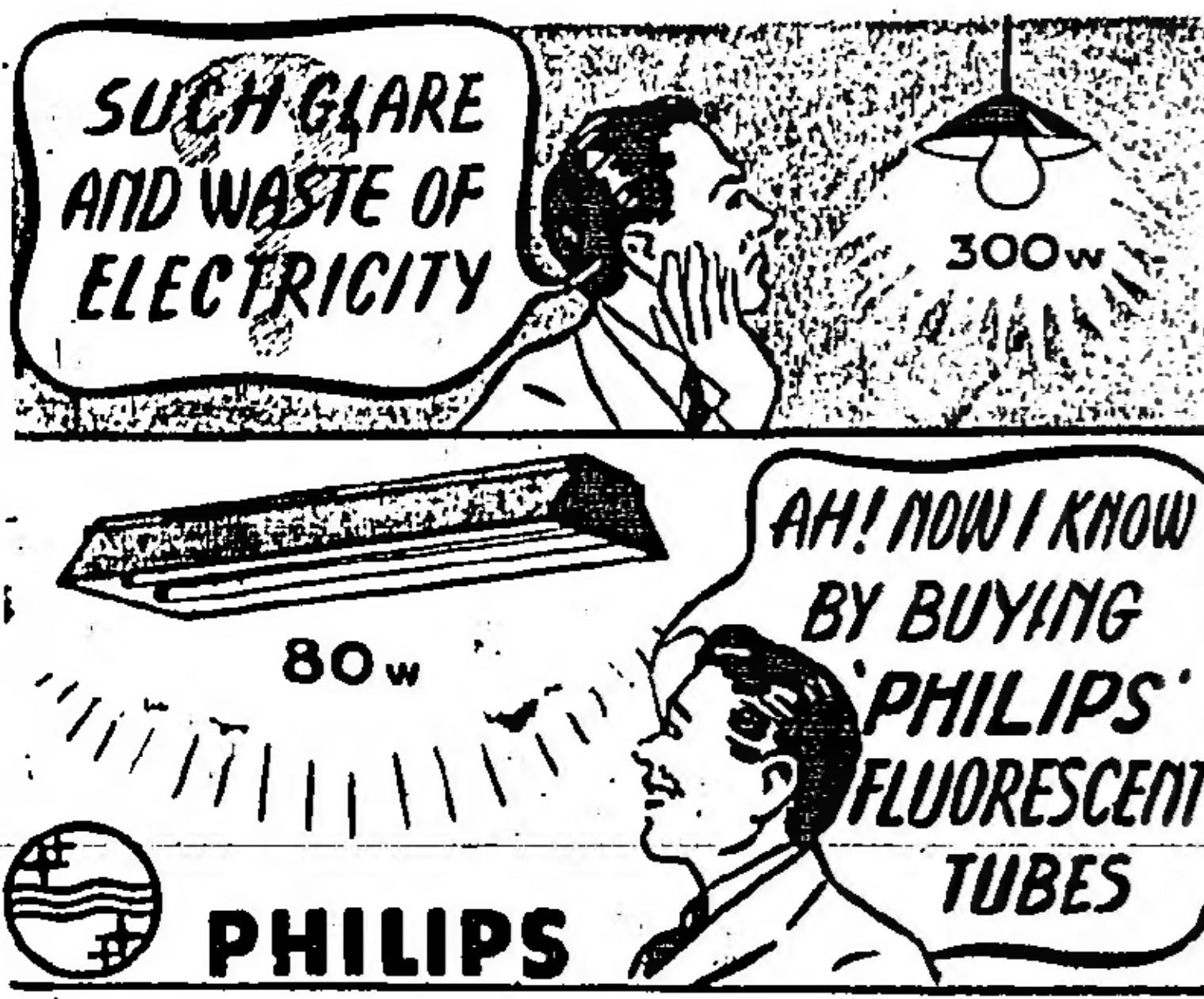
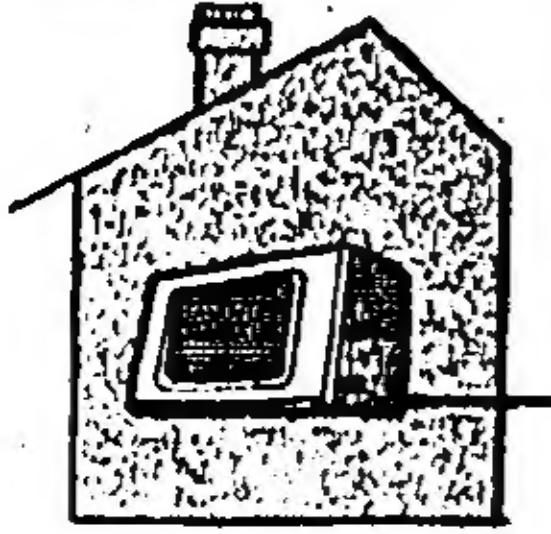
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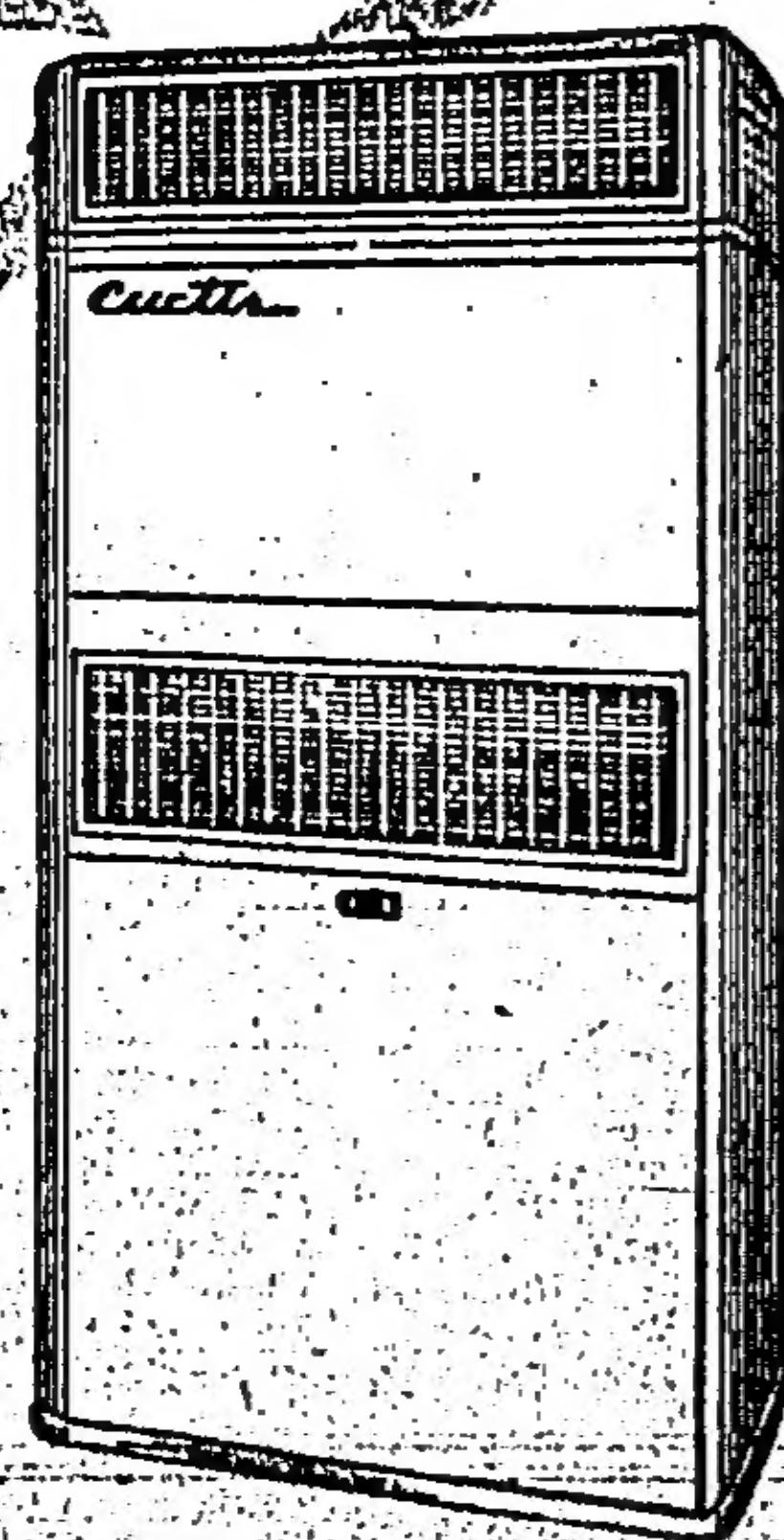
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BEVIN SAYS MARSHALL PLAN NOT DIRECTED AGAINST RUSSIA

Claims Only Aim Is Salvation Of Europe

London, January 25. There was never any idea behind the Marshall Plan to create a means in which "we could build a force to defeat the Soviet Government some day in the future," Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London today.

"I was extremely sorry that the Russians could not see or seize the opportunity that the Marshall Plan and the subsequent developments of a European group offered to the peace of the world," he said.

Raising his voice, the Foreign Secretary said: "They seem to assume that all we were doing was trying to create a kind of barrier or a means by which we could build a force to defeat their Government some day in the future."

"Now I assert with all solemnity that that never entered our heads. Our one object was to give happiness, contentment and a decent standard of life to the masses of Europe who had suffered from the terrible attack that had been made upon it."

Declaring that the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation was not merely a Committee for the Marshall Plan, Mr. Bevin said it was a "continuing organisation intended to go on after the United States assistance had ended."

"I am not going to claim that we all agree about the four-year plan and that everything is rosy," he said. "But I am quite convinced that we are creating what I call a European mentality instead

of a French, British, Scandinavian and Benelux mentality."

"It is to be saved. It has to be in the end one entity, and it must be together."

There were two ways of achieving this, Mr. Bevin said. One was political and functional. If they could get transport and basic industries on a European basis, they could go a long way to creating the economic situation that made a political union possible.

The Atlantic Pact offered an assurance to Western Europe. If such a pact could have been devised in 1919 and "given France the assurance to which she was entitled," the second World War might never have started.

Denying the assumption of "a lot of disturbed minds" that Britain was opposed to European Unity, Mr. Bevin said with emphasis that he would regard it, if his health spared him, as the crowning event of his life to establish European Unity on a sound, definite and progressive basis.

What he wanted to avoid was "a mere talking shop for passing resolutions."

Mr. Bevin said: "What I want is a practical organism in Europe in which we shall cease to be English and French, cease to be English and Italian, but will be European, with an organism that can carry out a European policy in the face of the new development in the world."

"I appeal to all my friends in Europe that if we give Europe a new organism, let it be a real organism that will not lead to further disillusionment."

"We must not fall again in Western Europe in any organism that we create."—Reuter.

ECA SUPPLIES STILL FLOWN INTO PEIPING

Peiping, January 26. America's ECA brought a plane load of medical supplies today for free distribution to hospitals and clinics in this Communist controlled city.

The supplies, consisting mainly of penicillin and sulpha drugs, will be distributed by an ECA panel of Chinese doctors.

No Insignia

The plane, which was chartered by ECA from the China National Aviation Corporation, did not bear the usual CNAC insignia.

Captain Raymond Bowes, of Buffalo, New York, who piloted the plane here from Shanghai via Tsingtao, said this was because it was under ECA charter.

In helping all Nationalist arms and ammunition were being concentrated in depots for handling over to the Communists, who are

still pulling wires from behind the scenes.

The Reds apparently do not intend to come into the open until the joint administrative committee, consisting of four Reds and three Nationalists, is formally installed.

Various Nationalist organisations, such as the Chinese Government Information Office, still are under their original direction.

J. C. Sun, who was appointed director of this office when the siege began, is in a plight which typifies that of many other officials.

Bleak New Year

He so far has not received any funds to pay himself and his staff, who consequently face a bleak Chinese New Year.

Censors are still those which the Nationalists appointed when they instituted censorship in Peiping on January 1, but they are quite lenient about their work.

They take three or four hours for lunch or dinner while correspondents fume and fret and their messenger boys wait restlessly.

A Nationalist official apologized for them by saying: "Of course they are demoralised. I suppose we all are."

Communist currency has yet to itself, though it circulates freely make its appearance in Peiping outside the city.

Money Market

Dealing in United States currency, gold bullion and silver dollars have been brisk since ceasefire day, January 22, with wide and rapid fluctuations.

Everyone is trying to guess what rates of exchange the Communists will establish, and every rumour on this subject of which there are several score a day, disturbs the market.

Many different types of Communist currency are in circulation in Hopei Province apart from Peiping, and as each has a different value confusion is very great.—Associated Press.

Sydney, January 23. A 15-foot coke oven under a Sydney bowling green, which caught fire two months ago, was still burning today despite attacks on it with thousands of gallons of water, tons of sand and a bulldozer.—Reuter.

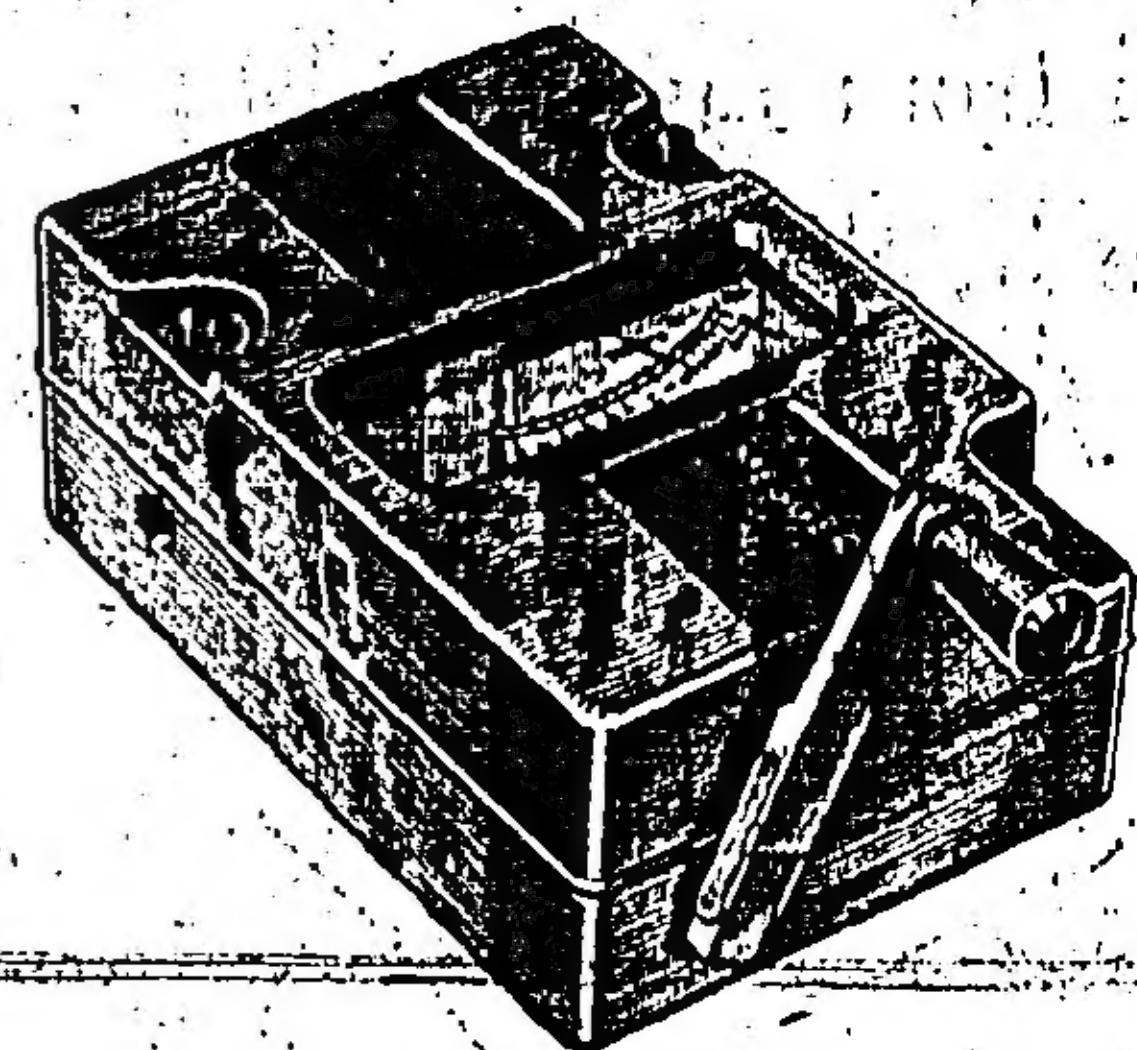
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"HUEH"	Swatow, Salong & Bangkok	3 p.m. 2nd Feb.
"YOCHOW"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swatow, Hoihow, Salong, Singapore, Penang, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	5 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Macassar, Inchon & Pusan	4 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"HANYANG"	Inchon & Pusan	4 p.m. 6th Feb.

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"NEWCHWANG"	Singapore	27/28th Jan.
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She was giving evidence at the continued hearing of extortion charges against Timothy Lin, Gussy Maria dos Santos and Supto Ahmed, warders of Victoria Remand Prison, and Jose, Maria Dias Azedo, a former warden of the same prison. They were charged on 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy.

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The Hong Kong Photographic Society reported an increase of 15 members on the roll at its Annual Meeting at the Cafe Wiseman yesterday evening.

There are at present 137 names on the active list of the society. During the last year, 46 new members were admitted, of whom one withdrew after election. Due to departures from the Colony, 30 names have been removed from the roster.

The life members of the society now number 27.

Mr. Fung Ping-fan was elected President, Mr. Francis Wu and Mr. Ernest To Vice-Presidents of the Society, Mr. L. Jackson and Mr. J. Charles Thompson were elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian respectively.

Council members are, Mr. Lau Cho-chak and Mr. S.K. Yuen.

Awards were distributed by Mrs. K. W. Watson:

President's Cup: Dr. Ernest To;

Craftsmen's Cup: (Advanced Class): Mr. Lau Yat-jung;

Runner-up Cup: Mr. S.K. Yuen; China Mail Cup: Mr. Yeap Shing-tung;

Vice-President's Cup: Mr. Jimmy Leung Ho;

Craftsmen's Cup: (Intermediate Class): Mr. Ma Wing-hung; Special Subjects: (Doors and Windows): Mr. S.K. Yuen;

(Tables): Mrs. K. Watson;

(Portrait of a Member) Mrs. F. Wu.

The month's awards went to Dr. Ernest To and Mr. Wong Ching-pui.

A proposal that every member shall send in a minimum of nine 6" x 7" prints a year was carried.

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	Arrivals	Sailings
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	Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from South Africa, 12th February.	to South Africa & South America, 21st March.

	Arrivals	Sailings
"HOISSEVAIN"	from South America & South Africa, 31st March,	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.

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That doesn't apply to Berlin, where the Soviet blockade and the Anglo-American air-lift have produced a special situation.

But it is a fact that in the Western zones of Germany, in this third and perhaps most critical winter of peace, the spectre of a decline to the austerity existence of victorious Britain is haunting the head of many of a German household.

Already Germans are seeing the first signs of such an economic retreat. The new Western-backed currency is beginning to deteriorate. Cigarettes, the infallible index, are rising in price on the blackmarket. They sell now for about \$3 a pack, approximately four times the price when the new deutschemark was introduced.

But though his money is buying less, the vanquished German is better off in some respects than his victorious British counterpart. Standing beside a few battered Wehrmacht veterans, I stuck my nose against the plate glass window of a sumptuous new restaurant on the Bahnhofplatz—and watched well-clad diners eating in a leather and chromium setting.

Meat—British about 12 ounces; German four ounces.

Bread—British unrationed; German two and one-half ounces;

Fats—British eight ounces;

German seven ounces.

Eggs—British one weekly; German unrationed.

Sugar—British 10 ounces; German 13 ounces.

Milk—British 2½ pints; German 1½ pints.

On the face of it, that would give the British the better of it. But where the German has the edge is in the well-piled and smoothly-operating black market where anything is available at any time at a price.

There is nothing remotely resembling it in Britain. The London black market, for example, is not only very small but very hard to find.

Meat on the German black market, which runs wide-open, is 80 cents a pound, all or if you can buy. Pork and poultry, especially, are plentiful. Bread is 70 cents a pound, sugar \$1.50 a pound, eggs 30 cents each. Cheese is plentiful and cheap.

A German family of two or three wage-earners, each making \$20 or \$25 a week, which is a good middle-class wage, can afford at least \$12 a month, and often more, on the blackmarket.

The supplement to the regular rations which that provides would make the mouth of Germany's British conqueror water.

A good pair of shoes, still in Germany for about \$10. In Britain the price is closer to \$20. A good suit in Germany costs about \$45, including the cost of buying coupons for it in the blackmarket. A Briton would be lucky to do as well for \$80.

Maybe it is a good thing that the rubble of war remains and that American, British and French occupation troops still walk the streets of the Western zones of Germany.

Otherwise, Germans reading about conditions in Britain might find it easy to forget who won the war.—United Press.

Money Market

Gold, yesterday, was on the climb, opening at HK\$312 and closing at \$315.

US Dollars improved to HK\$4.10 after opening at \$5.00. TT was sold at HK\$5.12.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 2.0 cents for Hong Kong, 1.75 cents for Macau, 1.50 cents for Tientsin, 1.25 cents for Nanking, 1.10 cents for Canton, 1.00 cents for Foochow, 0.90 cents for Ningpo, 0.80 cents for Tsinling, 0.70 cents for Tsinan, 0.60 cents for Tsinchow, 0.50 cents for Tsinling, 0.40 cents for Tsinan, 0.30 cents for Tsinchow, 0.20 cents for Tsinling, 0.10 cents for Tsinan, 0.05 cents for Tsinchow.

Plastics opened at HK\$2.00, a 100 cent. and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Tinals opened at HK\$24.20 a 100 and closed at \$24.30.

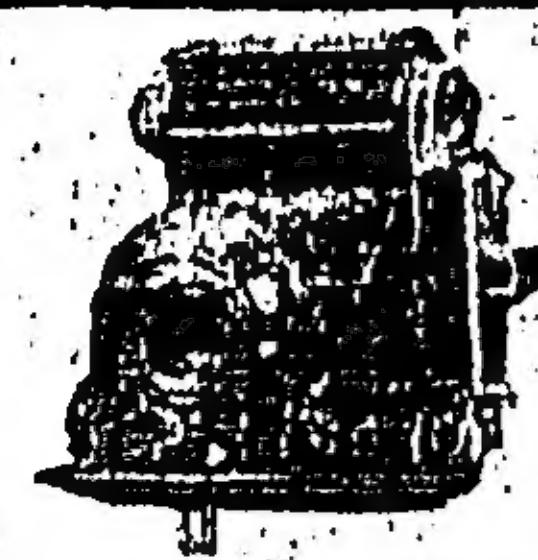
NEI, Giuliano, closed at HK\$23.50 a 100 after opening at \$23.

Sterling dropped to HK\$15.50 and Australian pounds were quoted at HK\$12.50.

Peru, Peru Gold, 90 cents; Napoleon, 5,000 Pts.; French 10 francs, 250 Fr.; Swiss francs

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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1949.

DERBY TO MEET ARSENAL IN BEST FOURTH ROUND CUP GAME

(By 'ALCYDES')

Chinese May Not Play

The "China Mail" has been informed that Chinese players who have been selected to take part in the soccer games against Saigon over the Chinese New Year holidays have indicated to the HKFA that they will not be able to take part in the games which have been arranged.

Discontent over recent happenings on the field is said to be the cause behind the decision of the Chinese players.

Interport Team From Saigon

The Saigon Interport Soccer XI and officials arrived by Air France yesterday afternoon.

They were met at Kai Tak Airport by members of the HKFA Entertainment Committee comprising Messrs. A.J. Hussain (Chairman), J. C. Gulmann, Dave Leonard and Teddy Yip.

At 3.30 p.m. a reception in honour of the visitors was held at the Griggs, Hong Kong Hotel, where they were welcomed by members of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The following are the officials and players who arrived:

Mr. Goldmann (Team Manager), Mr. Mai (Assistant Team Manager) and Mr. Nguyen Phuoc Vong.

Messrs. Phuoc (Captain), Vajco, Danh, Quyen, Hau, Ngu, Giuch-ai, Dao, Tho, Duc, Trong, Dernera, Qui, Tu and Alexandre.

Korean Eleven Leaving

The Korean Soccer XI, which returned to Hong Kong from Macao yesterday afternoon, is leaving for Korea this afternoon by ss. Kumchon.

While in Macao, the Koreans played a Combined Macao XI in a Charity match and won by three clear goals.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Paul J. C. Hyen, Manager of the Korean team, spoke highly of the sportsmanship of the Portuguese players and of the excellent treatment accorded the team during their brief stay in the Portuguese Colony.

While at Saigon, the Koreans beat Saigon "B" by four goals to two, shared six goals with Saigon "A" and beat Combined Services by five clear goals.

The Koreans played four matches in Hong Kong with the following results: beat Hong Kong 5-2, lost to Combined Chinese 3-2, lost to Non-Chinese 3-2 and beat Hong Kong 4-2.

Sixteen Fourth Round ties are due for decision on Saturday. Third Division clubs out of the tourney have a full league programme while First and Second leagues who have been eliminated will be arranging friendly games.

Manchester United, the holders, receive Bradford PA, and it looks like a home win to me. Bradford knocked out the Arsenal last year and have eliminated Newcastle this season, thus assuming a Cup reputation for "giant killing."

Manchester United, however, are a great side and at the moment are joint favourites for the trophy with Portsmouth. Try as Bradford will, I don't think they will overcome the "Carey Gang". Give Manchester to win this tie.

Shffield Wednesday are due at Fratton Park to do battle with Portsmouth. The First League leaders who have only conceded eight home goals, are unbeaten in league games this season, and it is unlikely that the Wednesday will alter events. Everything points to this game being a real thriller with the home side winning a hard fought game.

Derby County are at home to the Arsenal and the former must be confident about the outcome of this tie. They were the only team to take four points from the Gunners last season and have claimed three this season.

BADMINTON TOURNEY

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Badminton Association yesterday, it was decided that the Colony Open Championships be held again this year.

Entries, which should be submitted through Club representatives, are now being invited for the following events:

Men's Open Singles Championship, Men's Open Doubles Championship, Open Mixed Doubles Championship, Ladies' Singles Championship, Ladies' Doubles Championship, Junior Men's Singles, Junior Men's Doubles, Junior Mixed Doubles.

Entrance fees are \$10.00 for Men's Singles events, \$5.00 for Men's and Mixed Doubles events, \$5.00 for Ladies' Singles events and \$10.00 for Ladies' Doubles events.

Any resident in the Colony, not being a member of any Club affiliated to the Badminton Association, may enter the Tournament on payment of \$2 in addition to the entrance fees.

Such entries may be made to either of the following:

Mr. David Kwok, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Singon and Co., Hing Lung Street, or Mr. M. A. Oliveira, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

Entries close on Friday, February 11 and the Tournament starts on Monday, February 28.

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Interport Team Ready For Macao Game

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Colony's interport hockey XI scored a 3 to 0 win against the Combined Services in a practice game at Soekunpoa yesterday.

To some this may be taken as an answer to the criticism of the hockey selectors' choice, depending upon how one regards the team which faced the interports.

Yesterday's exhibition of hockey was, for the most part, mediocre, with occasional flashes of brilliant manoeuvres.

The Services' attack, however, combining with the forwards, had their opponents well pegged. They also displayed neater ball distribution, and were prevented from scoring only by the activities of Willie Reed, at centre half, and particularly by the block defences of both Nery and Singh, permitting Lahl Singh to score.

In this manner, the ball was vigorously contested over a large area of the field, and for some 20 minutes neither side was able to score.

Settles Down

The interport team then finally got settled, and began to take a larger share of the scoring.

Accused Taken Ill In Dock

Proceedings in the cash sweep, forgery case were interrupted yesterday when the defendant developed abdominal pains while in the dock.

Chan Ming, accused on four counts of being in possession of forged tickets, was sent to Kowloon Hospital in an ambulance on an order by the magistrate, Mr. A.D. Scholes.

The defendant had been standing in the dock for more than half an hour. There was a pause in the hearing, as the arrival of an important witness was being awaited.

Chau was seen to be disturbed and asked permission to be seated.

Less than five minutes after a chair was given to him, Chau was rolling in the dock, apparently in great pain.

Defendant had been suffering pain in the stomach for the past four days.

Upon learning the condition of the defendant, Mr. Scholes immediately ordered him to the Kowloon Hospital and remanded him for hearing pending his recovery.

Temporary Dismissal Of Jury

The jury was temporarily dismissed yesterday morning at the PWD larceny trial after evidence of the investigation and subsequent arrest of the two accused had been given by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, chief of the Anti-Corruption branch, and Inspector MacPherson.

The admissibility of the statements made the two accused at the time of their arrest was then considered by the Court in the absence of the jury, after which hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Chief Inspector Johnston stated that he went on August 11 to the PWD workshop at Hung Hom and to the various places where the electrical works had been done. Spary was then told he would be detained for inquiries, as was Kwok, witness stated.

Later Kwok and Spary were cautioned, witness said, after which they each made a statement. On August 13, witness continued, he charged them with larceny by public servant.

Inspector Johnston further said that he did not at any time use any force or threats with regard to getting statements from the accused.

Inspector MacPherson of the Anti-Corruption branch corroborated the first witness' evidence, after which Chan Kwok-wing, police interpreter, testified that he interpreted between the police and Kwok Kwong.

At this stage, the jury was dismissed for the day.

Police Hunting For 'Properly Myall Men'

Darwin, January 26. An Australian police patrol is hunting Stone Age aboriginal killers in the remotest interior of Central Arnhem Land, Australia's wild unexplored "Never Never" country in the Northern Territory.

"Civilised" natives derisively describe the tribe in this area as "properly myall" or "stone men."

The killers murdered a legendary native leader, Ralwala, renowned among the aborigines for his battle against exploitation by the whites and for his prowess as a hunter, singer and athlete. Under him natives unprecedentedly grew their own gardens in Arnhem Land.

Native canoes brought the news to a Methodist Mission on isolated Millingimbi Island—"Ralwala dead. Him bin finish."—United Press.

Local Solicitors Form Reform Club

An association registered as the Reform Club of Hong Kong has been formed in the Colony by a group of local barristers-at-law and solicitors.

The first public meeting of the Club will take place on February 25 at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the community interested in the objects of the Club are invited to attend.

The objects of the Club follow:

To assist in creating healthful public opinion and by constructive criticism to assist the Government of Hong Kong.

To devise ways and means of arousing and stimulating interest in public affairs in the Colony and its Dependencies.

To do everything possible by constructive criticism to bring about improvement in the machinery of Government of Hong Kong and to aim always at increasing the ritual prestige of the Government.

To devise ways and means of revitalising and remodelling the Legislature with due regard to the present necessity for a Government majority.

To do everything possible to foster and maintain an effective opposition in the Legislature.

To do everything possible to assist Government and Legislature in grappling with the exceptional circumstances of Hong Kong so that they will at all times command general public support and approval.

To assist the Legislature of the Colony by ensuring that at all times it shall be fully informed of public opinion on all aspects of current problems, and while recognising the present necessity for a Government majority in such Legislature, to use all means available to ensure that the Official Members of the Legislature are able to speak for and adequately represent public opinion.

Ability in Public Affairs

To do everything possible to find and encourage ability in public affairs.

To support always reasonable freedom of speech.

To provide a platform for persons anxious to advocate sound constructive reform.

To take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that responsible public opinion in Hong Kong is adequately represented in the Mother Country and to arrange for and maintain a direct liaison through a Member of Parliament.

To devise ways and means of ensuring constructive criticism of the Colony's budget requirements.

To advocate a generous educational system and give open and organized support to such well considered schemes of social amelioration as seem practicable.

To endeavour, by speech and writing and all possible constitutional means to advocate the aims of the Reform Club of Hong Kong.

To consider affiliation with public bodies of like aims and objects.

The Club has been incorporated in Hong Kong with its registered office on the third floor of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Members of the first Committee are Mr. C.E. Lescay (Chairman), Mrs. L.A. Calcraft, Messrs. Brook, Bernacchi, F.C. Cleme, J.M. D'Almeida Remedios, Y.K. Kan, Mr. Man-fai, R. Pestonji, C.A.S. Russ, the Reverend Mr. George She, M.A. da Silva and T. Martin (Honorary Secretary).

Applications for membership may be made to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J.L. MacIntyre.

VICKY DRAVES HONOURED

New York, January 26.

Victoria Manalo Draves, Los Angeles, of Philippine ancestry, yesterday was named to the platform-diving position on the 1948 all-American women's swimming team of the American Amateur Athletic Union.—Associated Press.

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BRITAIN LOOKS FOR ANOTHER TOMMY HANLEY

London, January 26.

Britain's top radio shows began an intense competition among themselves this week for the coveted position at the top of the popularity poll left vacant by the death of Tommy Handley, the nation's Number 1 Air Jester. Handley, mourned with the headlines and ceremony reserved for great national figures, took his weekly "Itma" (It's That Man Again) show with him to the grave, leaving a big gap for the British Broadcasting Corporation to fill.

With 20 million fans seeking

a new favourite, other radio comedians tightened up their script and put extra zest into

their acts.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, spending £2,134,000 a year on its artists and speakers, is silent about what pays to individual stars, but Handley is believed to have been the highest paid comedian, with an income somewhere between £10,000 and £15,000 a year.

Visitors from other countries who listen to Britain's regular radio shows may find it difficult at times to appreciate the humour that sets studio audiences rocking. Comedians have found that the handle-bar moustache now worn by so many young men in this country is a sure mirth provoker. It has now practically replaced the sausages as the professional comic's standard.

Each radio show has its own set of catch phrases which have passed into common usage. If people for no apparent reason adopt a "lispibus" voice and say "It's being so cheerful as keeps me going," or "What does it matter which you do as long as you fear 'em up," the fault is not few psychiatrists but too many radios.

Water-Logged Spa

The show most closely resembling "Itma" in its pattern is "Water-logged Spa," a 30-minute weekly programme

built around Eric Barker, a young comedian with a shy, hesitant voice.

Like "Itma" the show brings a succession of many characters into contact with the principal, including a postman who is just getting around to delivering letters written in Queen Victoria's time and a general Lord who once drove a dust-cart.

Critics don't see "Water-logged Spa" winning over all the "Itma" fans. Its characters, they say, are not so human as, for instance, the brandy-voiced Colonel "Chinstrap" of "Itma," whose entire conversation is about liquor.

An enormous following, including the Royal Family, listens every week to "Much Binding in the Marsh," a programme with a leisurely, clever type of humour purveyed by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, two ex-Royal Air Force Officers.

Princess Elizabeth's first outing after the birth of her son was to a studio performance of this show. Undaunted by the presence of the Queen, the Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh, Murdoch and Horne went next friendly jokes about Royally.

The "Stand Easy" show built around the cockney comedian Charlie Chester, specialises in a "crazies" character, "Whippet Quick, the cat burglar" has become a national by-word.

Sophisticated Show

Climbing rapidly in popularity is a comparatively new show, "Take It from Here," with the Australian comedian Dick Bentley partnered by Jimmy Edwards and another versatile Australian, Joy Nichols.

This is by far the most sophisticated show of all, satirising life in the theatre and personalities with an acid wit.

Taking the place of "Itma" as the Thursday night radio high-spot is "Twenty questions".

Most phenomenally successful of all Britain's radio shows is "Have a Go". With a pianist and no script, Yorkshireman Wilfred Wick